

**VAN NUYS AIRPORT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, November 6, 2018**

A meeting of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by David Rankell. Members present: David Rankell, Jason Price, Elliot Sanders, Mel Roberts, Wayne Williams, Cindy Goodfellow, Araz Parseghian, Gerald Silver, Wendy Saunders, Roger Oeland, Harold Lee, John Parker, Laurence Rabe, Lionel Fuentes.

Absent: Ron Merkin, Kathy Delle Donne.

The minutes from the October 2, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Mr. Rankell introduced representatives from the Mayor's office, Jaqueline Serrano from the East Valley Area, and Tanaz Golshan from the West Valley Area, and David Reich, Director of Economic Infrastructure.

**1.) STAFF REPORTS:**

**A. Flora Margheritis, Airport Manager:**

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the VNY statistics: She reported 22,651 aircraft operations in September 2018 which represents a 17.62% increase in operations compared to September 2017. The Year-to-date operations are up 17.78% as compared to 2017.

Ms. Margheritis provided the council with highlights from the LAWA Employee Forum at VNY on October 24, 2018. The purpose of the Forum was to update staff on LAWA's strategic plan and on how LAWA is delivering gold standard airports.

Ms. Margheritis thanked the CAC members who were in attendance at the solar event held on October 24, 2018 to celebrate the launch of Aerolease's Rooftop Solar Project. Ms. Margheritis stated that in 2019 Van Nuys Airport will continue to focus on sustainable energy and other green initiatives.

**B. Flora Margheritis gave the report on behalf of Christian Moreno, Chief of Operations:**

Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the Jet Aviation Development Project.

Ms. Margheritis updated the council on the development at the Propeller Park. The final phase of construction has started with an additional terminal and restaurant being constructed.

**C. Diana Sanchez, Director of Public and Community Relations:**

Ms. Sanchez addressed the council as it relates to interest on attending and transportation for the Annual Holiday Dinner on December 12, 2018 at the Crown Plaza at LAX.

Ms. Sanchez provided the council with details for the Mid Valley YMCA event "You Can't Be What You Can't See" on December 5, 2018 in honor of Councilmember Nury Martinez which will be hosted by Castle & Cooke Aviation.

Ms. Sanchez addressed the council regarding the cancellation of the technical tour on November 5, 2018. This will be rescheduled for February 2019.

Ms. Sanchez acknowledged Mr. Parker as the selected councilmember to attend the Noise Symposium in March of 2019.

**D. Len Krugler, Environmental Specialist:**

Mr. Krugler provided the council with a briefing on the Jet Early Turn and Quiet Departure programs for October 2018. The briefing summarized the information contained in the monthly environmental handouts (Attached).

**E. Lt. Dennis Lau, Officer-in-Charge, Airport Police:**

Lt. Lau reported there have been no significant security issues since the last CAC meeting on October 2nd.

Lt. Lau provided the council with details of an FBO burglary on the north side of the airport and incidents of fuel theft along Valjean Street.

Lt. Lau reminded council to secure vehicles, belongings and to be aware of surroundings as we approach the holiday season.

Mr. Rankell commended Lt. Lau on the reduced amount of campers in the surrounding area of airport.

Lt. Lau thanked Ms. Sanchez and staff for beginning the efforts of reducing the homeless issue.

Mr. Silver addressed Ms. Margheritis to comment on any possible concerns of sustainability at the Propeller Park based on the decline of propeller aircraft operations.

Ms. Margheritis stated there is no concern and does not anticipate a problem.

Mr. Eric Steinhauer, a Propeller Park tenant confirmed that there are no concerns regarding sustainability at the Propeller Park.

**2.) BOAC Agenda Items Concerning VNY-Discussion/Action**

- A.** Ms. Margheritis addressed the council as it relates to the BOAC meeting, which was cancelled for October 4, 2018; the October 18, 2018 meeting in which there were four agenda items pertaining to VNY; the November 1, 2018 BOAC meeting had one agenda item pertaining to VNY; the next BOAC meeting will take place on, December 6, 2018.

**3.) REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

**A. Committee Assignments**

Mr. Rankell stated the committee assignments will be announced at the next CAC meeting on January 7, 2019.

Mr. Rankell announced that the monthly CAC meetings have been changed from the first Tuesday of the month to the first Monday of the month effective Monday, January 7, 2019.

Mr. Silver asked Mr. Rankell if the revision of the meeting date was a consensus within the council.

Mr. Rankell stated the change of the meeting date is at the discretion of the Chair.

Mr. Rankell asked the council members if they had an issue with the change in the meeting date for 2019.

Ms. Rabe expressed concern of possible scheduling conflicts and stated the change is something that should have been discussed with the council members.

Mr. Rankell clarified the only change was the date, meetings will be held in the same location, at the same time.

#### **4.) REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUPS**

##### **A. Membership – John Parker, Chairperson**

Mr. Parker discussed reaching out to the Chief of Staff for Monica Rodriguez regarding the one remaining vacancy.

Mr. David Reich, From the Mayor's office introduced himself as Director of Economic infrastructure and liaison to LAWA and the Port of LA.

Mr. Rankell informed council of Ron Merkin's absence and wishes him a fast recovery.

#### **5.) PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS – Discussion**

Mr. Ed Burnham addressed the council as it relates to Burbank Airport issues. Mr. Burnham also commented on the council's purpose.

Ms. Elaine Newman addressed the council as it relates to Van Nuys involvement with Burbank Airport issues.

Mr. Stan Magnus addressed the council as it relates to Jet noise.

Ms. Susan Ashley addressed the council as it relates to FAA commerce and jet noise in Sherman Oaks.

#### **6.) NEW BUSINESS – Discussion/Action**

##### **A. VNY Noise Complaint Management System – Update**

Mr. Dan Yeung conducted a presentation "VNY Noise Complaint Management System". (Attached)

Mr. Silver addressed Mr. Yeung on the display of multiple departures over a period of time on the Noise Complaint Management System, Viewpoint.

Mr. Yeung stated that although Viewpoint did not have that capability, departures can be seen on WebTrak for flight tracking.

Mr. Rankell addressed Mr. Yeung on the clarification of the tracking process of the Van Nuys Airport noise complaints.

Mr. Yeung explained how the consolidation of Viewpoint along with the email functionality will improve the response time and streamline noise management efforts in complaint response.

Mr. Parker addressed Mr. Yeung on WebTrak and Viewpoint systems working in tandem with each other.

Mr. Yeung stated the two systems will now be integrated, WebTrak will still be available.

Mr. Silver addressed the Chair as to why the noise presentation could not be made available with the agenda prior to the CAC meeting.

Mr. Rankell stated that the presentation was not available until recently.

The Chair opened item 6A for public comment.

Mr. Dan Silverberg addressed Mr. Yeung in regards to the Viewpoint system identifying when the aircraft in question is departing from Van Nuys.

Mr. Yeung confirmed that Viewpoint will not identify the departure of the aircraft. However, staff using Viewpoint may notify the user of the point of departure if a written response is requested.

Ms. Beth Handzo addressed Mr. Yeung on the financial cost and licensing of Viewpoint.

Mr. Yeung explained the annual subscription is \$25,000.00 and development costs were covered by the vendor.

Mr. George Handzo addressed Mr. Yeung as it relates to Viewpoint feedback.

Ms. Ashley thanked Mr. Yeung for his presentation and addressed the council as it relates to rerouting aircraft.

Mr. Parker addressed Ms. Margheritis about clarification of Airport versus FAA jurisdiction.

Ms. Margheritis confirmed that an aircraft in flight is under control of the FAA.

Mr. Williams addressed the public on the significance of the CAC council and the public's participation.

## **7.) OLD BUSINESS – Discussion/Action**

### **A. LAMP Project - Update**

Ms. Stephanie Sampson conducted a presentation titled "LAMP Presentation". (Attached)

Mr. Williams addressed Ms. Sampson in regards to utilizing solar energy in the LAX renovations.

Ms. Sampson detailed the implementation of solar panels in the maintenance facilities and solar power requirements in the contract with the vendor.

Ms. Goodfellow addressed Ms. Sampson on increased security for the people mover.

Ms. Sampson responded that the Airport Police will be patrolling with security monitoring the train cars.

Mr. Rankell addressed Ms. Sampson on the maintenance of the People Mover.

Ms. Sampson explained that the vendor's contract includes full maintenance of the system.

Mr. Rankell thanked Ms. Sampson for her LAMP update and presentation.

Ms. Sampson stated she would return the following year for another update.

**B. Van Nuys Airport Southerly Departures – Discussion/Action**

Mr. Jason Price conducted a presentation titled "VNY CAC Ad Hoc Committee - Southerly Jet Departures". (Attached)

Mr. Silver addressed Mr. Price in reference to who provided information for the presentation and when was it provided.

Mr. Price confirmed that LAWA staff provided the information and that the presentation was finalized the same day as the meeting.

Mr. Silver addressed the council stating the information provided in the Southerly Departures presentation would have been more helpful before the CAC meeting took place.

Mr. Rankell stated that the information was not available beforehand.

Mr. Oeland asked Mr. Price if he was aware of the number of jets that were relocated from Santa Monica Airport to Van Nuys.

Mr. Price stated that he was not aware of the amount of jets relocated, but knew it was a large number due to shortage of hangar space.

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Price if the relation of noise was due to altitudes of affected homes and flight patterns of aircraft.

Mr. Price stated he did not have the data to confirm that theory.

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Price if this is a result of the new PPRRY waypoint, and suggested changing back to the previous flight path.

Mr. Price explained the noise problem would be shifted to other residents.

Mr. Williams addressed the public with an explanation of the previous flight patterns.

Ms. Goodfellow advised the council to consider why the waypoint was moved and the impact on the entire community not to just one section.

Ms. Goodfellow addressed Mr. Silver as it relates to having the presentation available beforehand. Ms. Goodfellow stated she preferred having the information at the time of the presentation.

Ms. Saunders thanked Mr. Price for the presentation.

Ms. Saunders expressed concern for the tone of the meetings. Ms. Saunders proposed that efforts should not be about moving noise but rather finding a solution or pushing for an environmental impact study.

Mr. Price expressed that the best solution would benefit all communities.

Ms. Rabe addressed Mr. Price in reference to Burbank Airport operations affecting Van Nuys and asked if there was any way to obtain information about Burbank departures.

Mr. Price stated he does not have information on Burbank Airport departures.

Mr. Silver commended Mr. Price on his presentation and asked for commentary about the Fly Neighborly departure or NBAA procedure.

Mr. Price stated he is not familiar with those procedures or NBAA settings.

Mr. Silver suggested those details be included in Mr. Price's next presentation.

The Chair recommended a motion to extend the CAC meeting for one hour. The council members voted unanimously to extend the meeting by one hour.

Mr. Williams introduced a Motion to have the FAA end use of the PPRRY departure point.

Mr. Silver stated to second the motion.

Mr. Rankell did not support the motion and did not agree in shifting noise from one section of the community to another.

Mr. Williams requested a vote from the council in favor of his motion.

Mr. Oeland proposed reducing the noise an aircraft makes as the solution to the noise problem rather than redirecting the flight path.

Ms. Goodfellow stated she would not support any motion that would redirect the problem to another area of the community.

Ms. Saunders stated an environmental study would benefit efforts in moving the waypoint.

Mr. Parker agreed with Ms. Saunders on research of the environmental impact before making any decisions.

Mr. Williams addressed Ms. Saunders and Mr. Parker's comments and offered a modification of his motion.

Ms. Saunders and Mr. Parker agreed with the modification.

Mr. Parseghian stated that more research should be done to back up the motion.

Mr. Parseghian stated the council should voice concern in the increased number of complaints and thanked the public for their meeting attendance.

Mr. Roberts stated there have been good recommendations in regards to the motion.

Mr. Sanders agreed with Mr. Parseghian that the council should express the community's discontent.

Mr. Rankell addressed Mr. Williams to clarify his motion for the Secretary.

Mr. Williams restated his motion.

Mr. Sanders stated he is not in favor of the motion.

Mr. Silver made a motion to amend.

Mr. Silver asked for the council to direct the motion to LAWA.

The Chair asked for the motion to be restated

Mr. Williams revised the motion.

Mr. Parker addressed council to ask if Mr. Silver or another member of the council would second the motion.

Mr. Silver stated to second the motion.

Ms. Saunders stated the motion was not reading clearly and recommended more discussion from the council to add more support.

Mr. Silver moved to cut off debate.

Mr. Williams addressed Mr. Parseghian and stated that the change can be done and the council needs to respond to the needs of the public.

Mr. Silver suggested an amendment to the motion but will support it as is.

Ms. Saunders asked about a possible revision of the motion to gain more support from council.

The Chair opened item 7B for public comment:

Mr. David Reich addressed the council and public to inform that many city officials have become aware of the noise issues. Mr. Reich informed the Chair that representatives from the Mayor's office will be in attendance for future CAC meetings.

Mr. Daniel Silverberg addressed the council as it relates to noise issues with Van Nuys and Burbank Airport.

Ms. Susan Ashley addressed the council as it relates to Jet Operations and noise with Van Nuys Airport.

Mr. Peter Basinski addressed the council as it relates to Van Nuys noise, flight paths and the presentation conducted by Mr. Price.

Mr. Silver called for a point of order to vote for the motion on the table.

Mr. Parker stated the public should be allowed to comment on item 7B

Ms. Linda Clarke addressed the council as it relates to Van Nuys jet noise and flight paths.

Mr. Ed Burnham addressed the council as it relates to Van Nuys flight paths and thanked Mr. Williams for his motion.

Ms. Elaine Newman addressed the council as it relates to the Burbank Airport.

Mr. Williams restated his motion and it reads as follows:

**“As there has been a significant increase in noise complaints, I move that the VNY CAC request the City of Los Angeles government agencies and City Attorney take all actions necessary to have the FAA end use of the PPPRY departure point and return to their original departure procedures until such time that an environmental impact report can be conducted, thus diminishing the impact on the foothill communities of Sherman Oaks, Encino and Studio City. There was no consultation by the FAA with the community of this change and no environmental impact study conducted”.** (Attached)

The motion passed with 10 in favor; 2 against; and 1 abstention.

The Chair addressed the council to state that the Ad Hoc committee for VNY Southerly Departures is now dissolved. There are currently no open committees except for Mr. Parkers Membership committee.

## **8.) EMERGENCY ITEMS SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA – Discussion/Action**

No items were discussed.

## **9.) ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Roberts commended the Southerly Departures Ad Hoc Committee for their research and commended Mr. Williams for his motion.

Mr. Sanders stated that the council is doing what they can do for the community.

Mr. Parker commended the Ad Hoc Committee for the presentation.

Mr. Fuentes appreciates the renovations coming to LAX

Ms. Goodfellow also looks forward to the renovations for LAX.

Ms. Goodfellow would like to send get well wishes to Ron Merkin.

Ms. Saunders suggested sending flowers to Mr. Merkin on behalf of the council.

Ms. Saunders thanked the Ad Hoc Committee on their work and thanked LAWA for supporting the YMCA.



Mr. Williams thanked the council for their comments and thanked the public and the Mayor's office for coming to the meeting. Mr. Williams commended Ms. Goodfellow on her company's work with solar energy and thanked the Ad Hoc Committee for the presentation.

Ms. Rabe stated she is disappointed to see the Ad Hoc Committee be dissolved and recommended that the Chair reconsider.

Ms. Rabe stated that she did her job as the Mayor's appointee by inviting the Mayor's office representatives to hear concerns.

Ms. Rabe commended LAWA staff and the Ad Hoc Committee.

Ms. Rabe reminded the council to bring in elected officials to CAC meetings and thanked the public for coming.

Mr. Silver addressed the council as it relates to his earlier comment to cut off debate.

Mr. Rankell explained to Mr. Silver of the public's allowance to speak at the CAC meeting.

Mr. Oeland addressed the council to redirect the public's efforts to eliminate aircraft noise and not to redirect flight paths.

Mr. Parseghian thanked LAWA staff for being accommodating to the Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Parseghian stated that he feels like progress is being made.

Mr. Rankell thanked LAWA staff for the presentation and commended the Southerly Departures Ad Hoc Committee for their work. Mr. Rankell advised the members of the public and council in regards to the motion letter and the complexity of moving flight patterns and noise.

**10) ADJOURNMENT:**

10:20 p.m.